



**CITY OF GRESHAM
Public Safety Committee
Oregon Trail Room – City Hall
October 26, 2010 @ 6:00pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Albertson – Public Safety Committee
John Kilian – Public Safety Committee
John Deer – Fire Subcommittee
Chief Junginger – Police Liaison
Greg Moen – Fire Subcommittee
Jim Price – Fire Subcommittee

Chief Lewis – Fire Liaison
Kathy Black – Police Subcommittee
Dwight Unti – Public Safety Committee Chair
Bob Pung – Police Subcommittee
Scott Chamberlain – Police Subcommittee
Michael McCormick – Fire Subcommittee

ABSENT:

Tom Mitchell – Police Subcommittee
Gail Hanna – Fire Subcommittee
Chris Mann – Police Subcommittee
Doug Branch – Fire Subcommittee
Gary Bisbee – Public Safety Committee
Todd Felix – Emergency Management Liaison
Richard Dwyer – Public Safety Committee

Bob Avila – Fire Subcommittee
Jennifer Simonis – Fire Subcommittee
Tom Griffith – Police Subcommittee
Councilor Nielsen-Hood – Council Liaison
Michael Patrick – Public Safety Committee Co-Chair
Lynn Lehrbach – Police Subcommittee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Becky Danner, Recording Secretary

Chair Dwight Unti called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Chair Unti declared a quorum present and requested a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2010. Bob Pung accepted and John Deer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Unti welcomed everyone, this joint meeting included members of the Public Safety Committee, Police Subcommittee and Fire Subcommittee.

Department Reports/Updates:

Fire Chief Lewis reported that Council approved the construction of the seismic upgrades for Fire Stations 73 and 74 and Station 72, construction should be completed ahead of schedule. Station 31 will close and a new station will be built. There will be minimal impact to the service delivery in that area.

In an effort to bridge the gap between what citizens expect and what our department is equipped to provide, Chief Junginger created a brochure to hand out to the citizens. It's an informational flyer, a tool to educate citizens on police funding, response times and services offered. Officers will be encouraged to hand out these flyers when they respond to calls of service.

Chief Junginger provided information about the online reporting which went live on 10/11. By using the online reporting system, citizens will be able to submit and print their police reports immediately. Computers will be available in the lobby for citizens to use.

Three new motorcycles and two Dodge Chargers will soon be put into service. These vehicles replace fleet that's retiring and going to auction. As we replace fleet, the new cars will have a new police graphic.

New Business:

The remainder of the meeting was an open discussion regarding the Committee's recommendation to Council on forming a new fire district. As the discussion ensued, it was suggested this district should include police, and be renamed "Public Safety District" or "Community Safety District."

This committee feels very strongly in favor of dedicating their efforts towards this goal. The district boundaries would be the same as Gresham's boundaries and the police and fire chief would report to a public safety board. The committee discussed the financial challenges and the dilemma on how to market it to citizens. Details of this proposal could be settled through the work of this committee.

Fire Chief Lewis suggested the first step would be to see if there are provisions in state law to do this. Police Chief Junginger recommended it would be worthwhile to seek a consultant to help with the logistics.

Fire Chief Lewis will work with Chair Unti on drafting the proposed Council Work Plan to City Council and submit the proposal by next week.

A motion to submit this proposal to City Council was made by Chair Unti. John Deer accepted and Kathy Black seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Safety Meetings will be joint meetings with the Police Subcommittee and Fire Subcommittee until further notice.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Chair Unti. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 28, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m., Oregon Trail Room.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Becky Danner – Recording Secretary, Gresham Police Department.